

Supplementary Information for:

E-H Bond Activations and Hydrosilylation Catalysis with Iron and Cobalt Metalloboranes

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Table S1. XRD experimental parameters for **1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1d**

Compound	1a	1b	1c	1d
Chemical Formula	C ₃₆ H ₄₆ BP ₂ OFe	C ₇₂ H ₉₄ B ₂ P ₄ S ₂ Fe	C ₄₃ H ₅₀ BNP ₂ Fe	C ₃₉ H ₄₉ BN ₂ P ₂ Fe
Formula Weight	623.37	1280.87	709.48	674.44
<i>T</i> (K)	100(2)K	100(2)K	100(2)K	100(2)K
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Space Group	C ₂ /c	P2 ₁ /n	P2 ₁ /n	P2 ₁ /n
A	17.9786(7)	11.5444(9)	11.1418(5)	11.9514(10)
B	10.8974(4)	19.5804(15)	12.7713(6)	22.7818(15)
C	33.4789(14)	16.0331(13)	30.2507(13)	13.2520(11)
A	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
B	90.6720(11)	110.525(5)	96.033(2)	102.923(5)
Γ	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Volume	6558.7(5)	3394.1(5)	4280.7(3)	3516.8(5)
Z	8	4	4	4
Density (calc)	1.2625	1.2532	1.126	1.272
R1, wr2	0.0412, 0.1001	0.0475, 0.1230	0.0522, 0.1565	0.0537, 0.1729
$R1 = \sum F_o - F_c / \sum F_o , \text{ wr2} = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum w(F_o^2)^2 \}^{1/2}$				

Table S2. XRD experimental parameters for **2**, **2a**, **2b**, **2c**, **2-Br**

Compound	2	2a	2b	2c	2-Br
	C ₃₀ H ₄₆ BN ₂ P ₂ Co	C ₃₆ H ₄₆ BP ₂ OC ₂ O	C ₃₆ H ₄₆ BP ₂ SC ₂ O	C ₄₃ H ₅₀ BNP ₂ Co	C ₃₀ H ₄₁ BP ₂ BrCo
Formula	561.33	626.45	642.51	712.57	613.25
Weight					
<i>T</i> (K)	100(2)K	100(2)K	100(2)K	100(2)K	100(2)K
λ (Å)	0.71073	1.54178	0.71073	0.71073	.071073
Space Group	P-1	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /n	Pca2 ₁	C2/c
A	10.7517(7)	18.2759(14)	10.0753(4)	19.581(2)	18.8235(11)
B	18.0184(12)	8.9584(6)	19.0012(7)	11.1417(13)	9.9502(6)
C	24.6119(15)	21.2277(15)	17.8659(6)	16.9012(12)	31.4070(19)
A	69.741(5)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
B	81.149(4)	107.184(4)	104.7216(16)	90.00	104.505(3)
Γ	74.584(3)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Volume	4302.0(5)	3320.3(4)	3308.0(2)	3687.2(6)	5695.0(6)
Z	6	4	4	4	8
Density (calc)	1.300	1.252	1.290	1.2835	1.430
R1, wr2	0.0537, 0.1455	0.1088, 0.2698	0.0513, 0.1276	0.0614, 0.1693	0.0293, 0.0658

$$R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|, \text{ wr2} = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum w(F_o^2)^2 \}^{1/2}$$

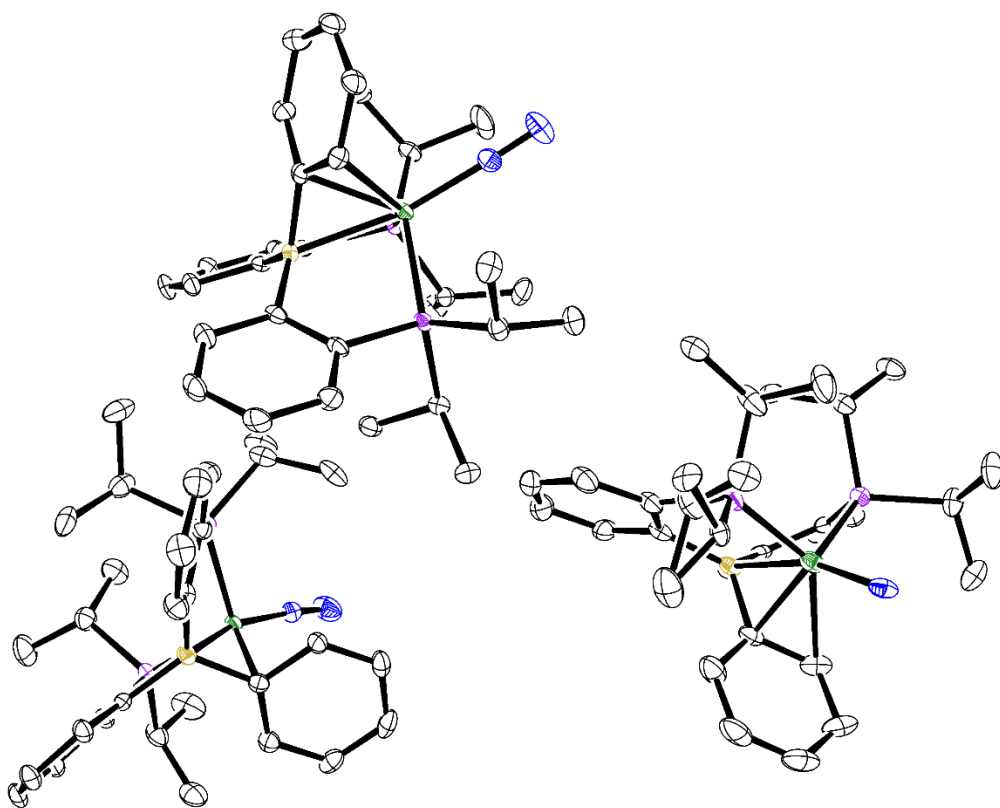


Figure S1. ORTEP representation of the asymmetric unit for **2** (H atoms omitted for clarity). Color Scheme: blue = nitrogen, purple = phosphorus, gold = boron, green = cobalt, black = carbon.

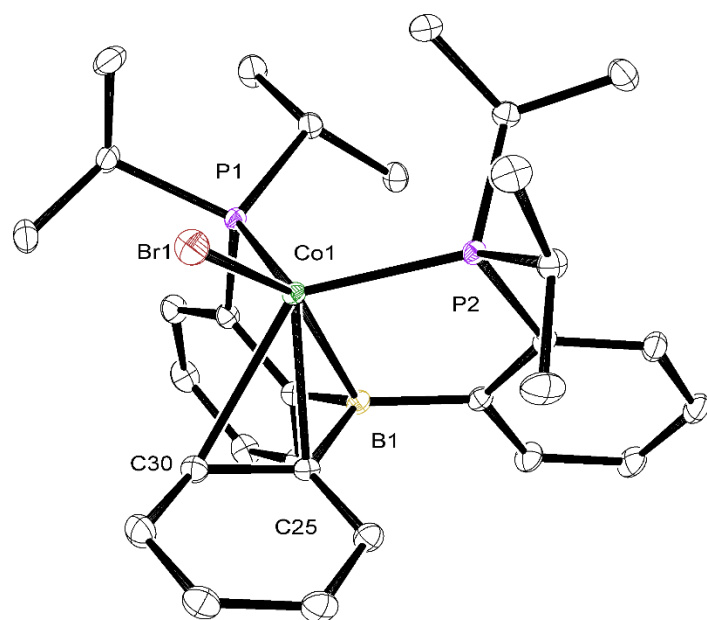


Figure S2. ORTEP Representation of **2-Br** (H atoms omitted for clarity). Selected Bond distances Co1-P1 2.3088(2) Å; Co1-P2 2.2895(2) Å; Co1-C25 2.2485(6) Å; Co1-C30 2.5286(7) Å; Co1-B1 2.3070(7) Å; Co1-Br1 2.36636(16) Å.

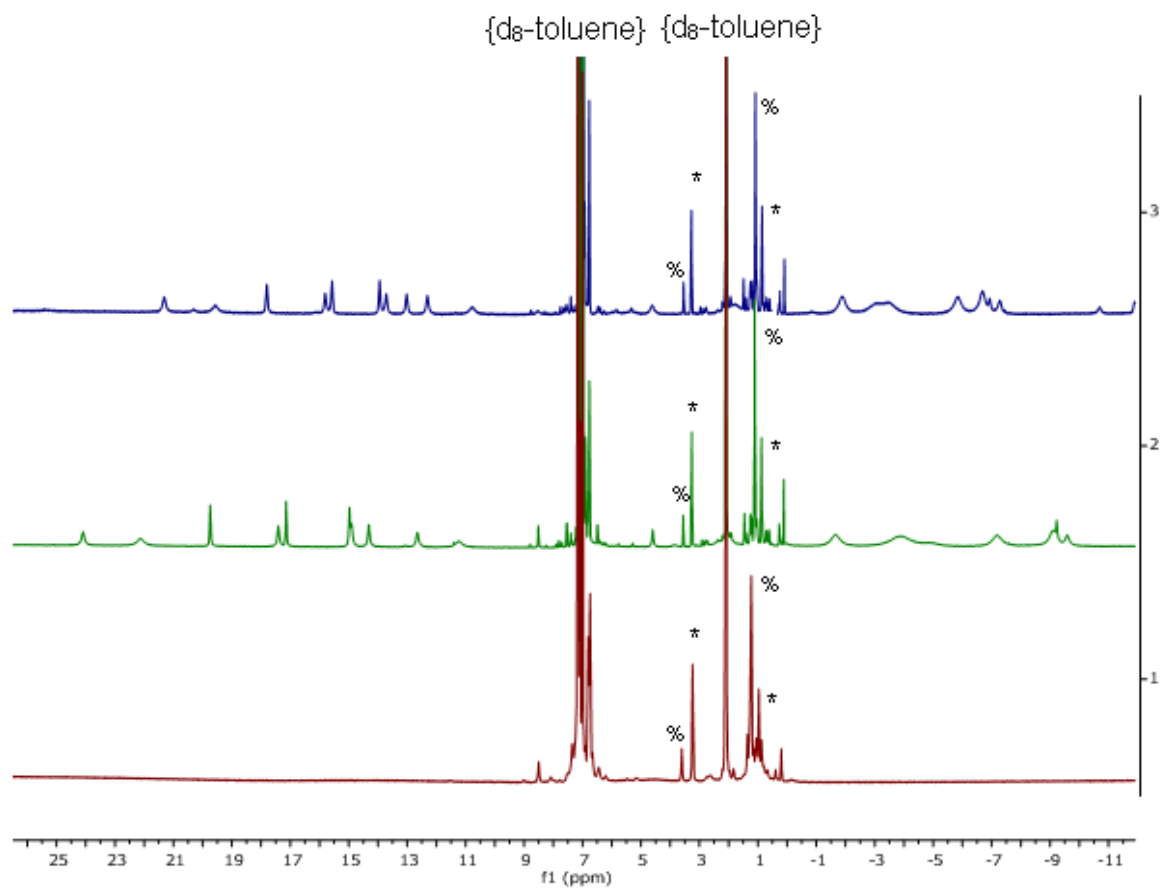


Figure S3. Variable temperature ^1H NMR of the reaction mixture of **1d** in d_8 -toluene. Red trace is at -90°C , green trace is at 25°C , blue trace is at 75°C . * Et_2O . %THF.

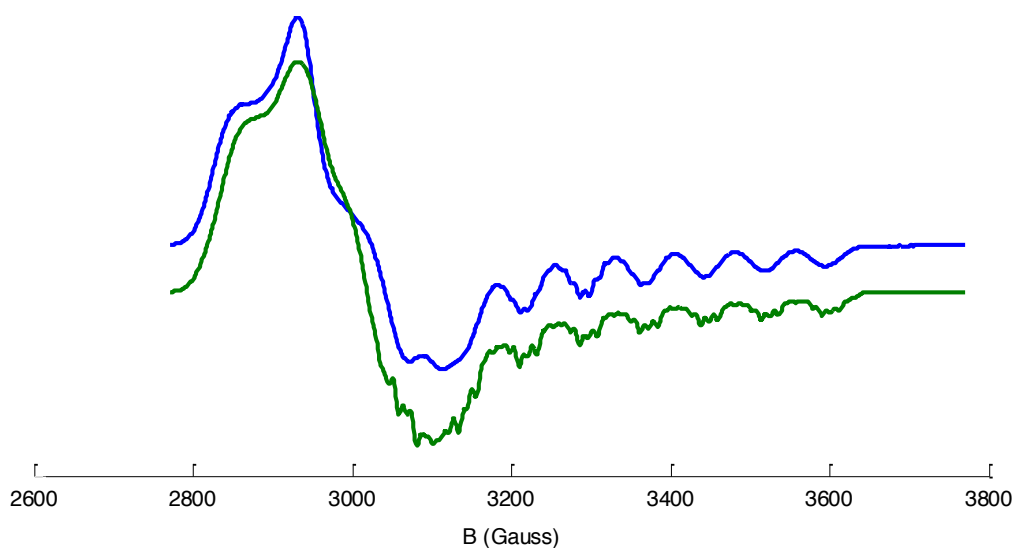


Figure S4. 77 K X-Band EPR spectrum of **2c** in 2-MeTHF (top trace, blue) and simulation (bottom trace, green). Simulation Parameters: g_1 : 2.017, g_2 : 2.199, g_3 : 2.3142. HStrain₁: 27.00 MHz, HStrain₂: 222.74 MHz, HStrain₃: 36.20 MHz. A_{P1} = 63 MHz, 1 MHz, 62.7 MHz; A_{P2} : 63 MHz, 1 MHz, 30.1 MHz; A_H : 30.0 MHz, 1 MHz, 1 MHz; A_N : 30.0 MHz, 160.05 MHz, 141.9 MHz; A_{Co} : 215.1 MHz, 19.7 MHz, 1.0 MHz. Microwave Frequency: 9.398 GHz, Range: 2770 G - 3770 G.

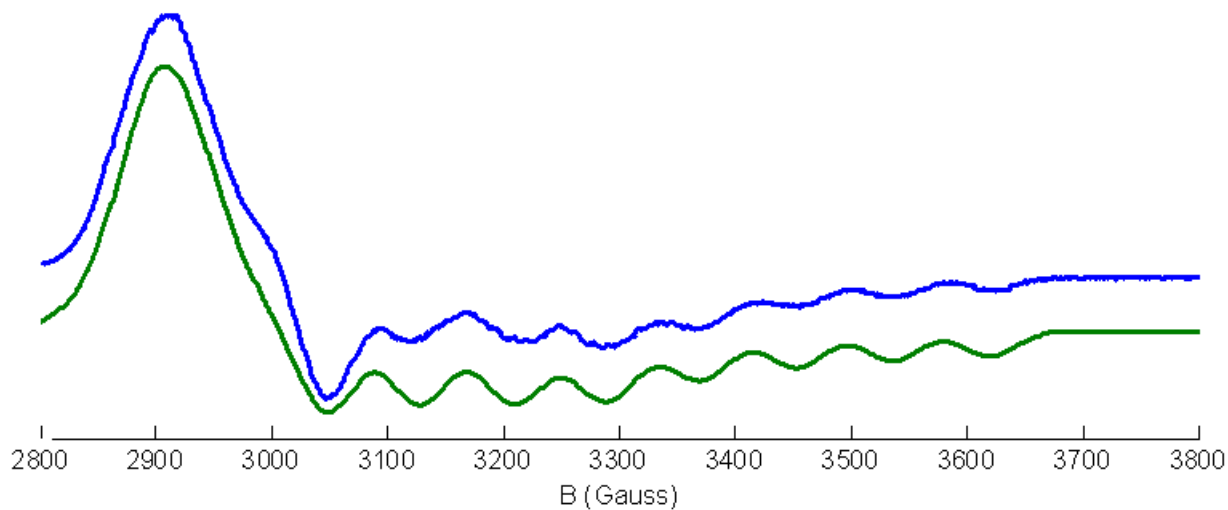


Figure S5. 77 K X-Band EPR spectrum of **2d** (top trace, blue) and simulation (bottom trace, green). Simulation Parameters: g_1 : 2.0181, g_2 : 2.1801, g_3 : 2.2679. HStrain₁: 142.23 MHz, HStrain₂: 384.24 MHz, HStrain₃: 226.13 MHz. A_{Co} : 232.51 MHz, 145.42 MHz, 23.80 MHz. Microwave Frequency: 9.412 GHz, Range: 2800 G - 3800 G.

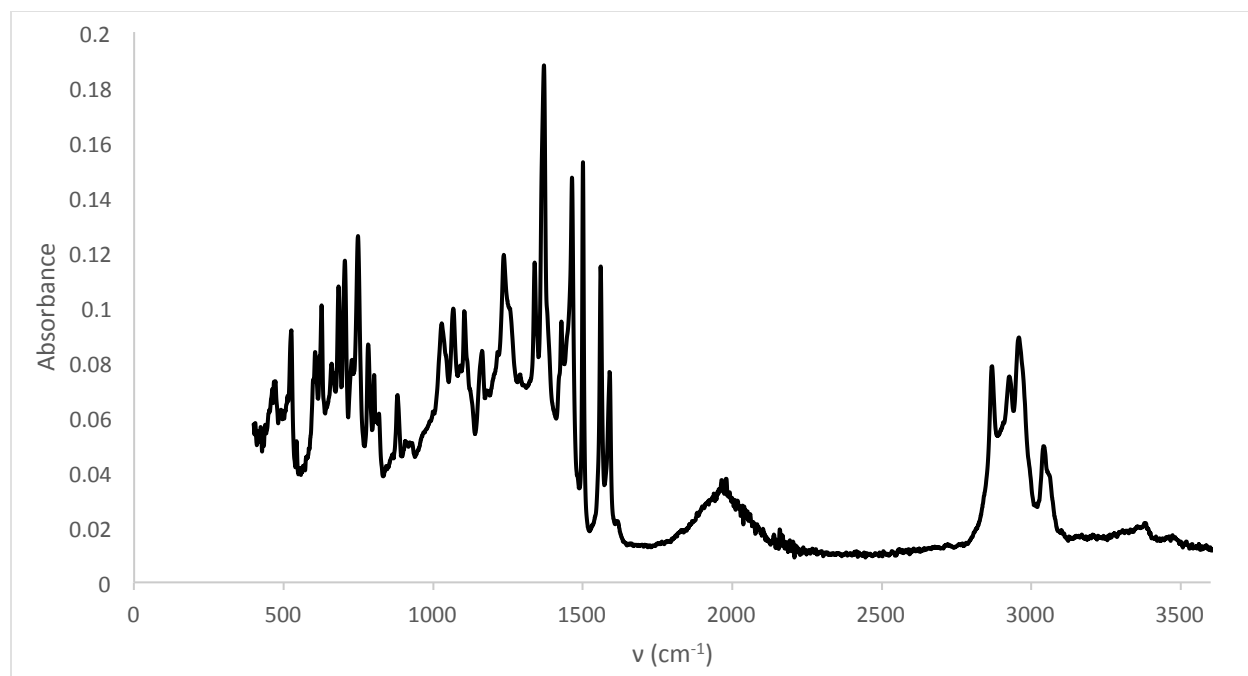


Figure S6. Thin film IR spectrum of **2d** from evaporated C₆D₆.

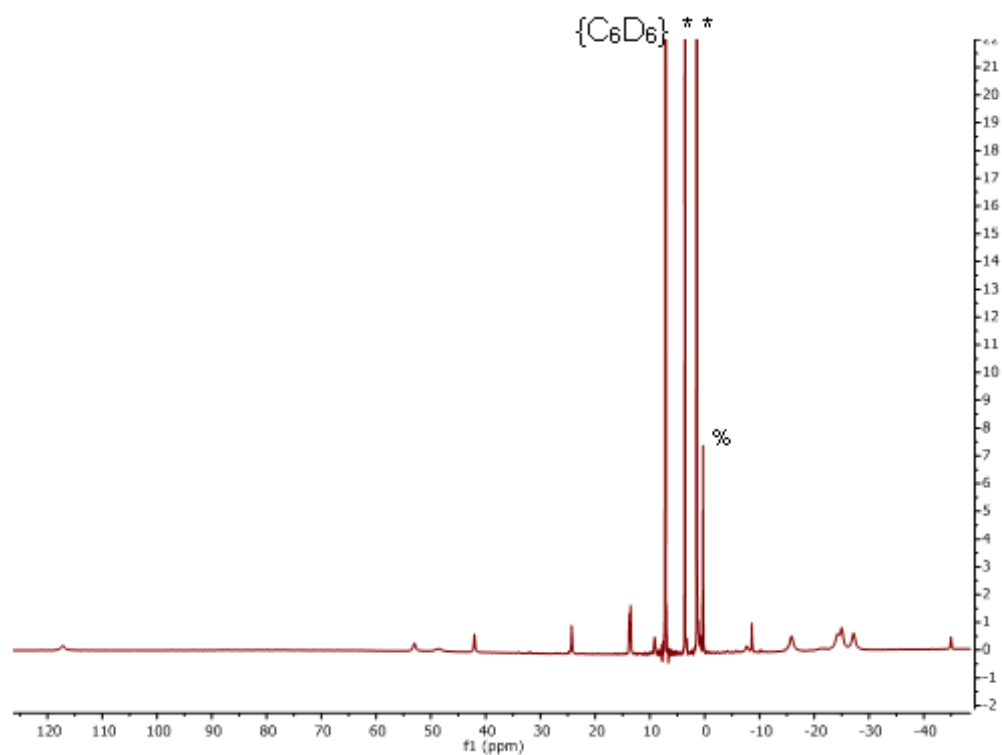


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1b** in C₆D₆. *Et₂O. %residual silicone grease.

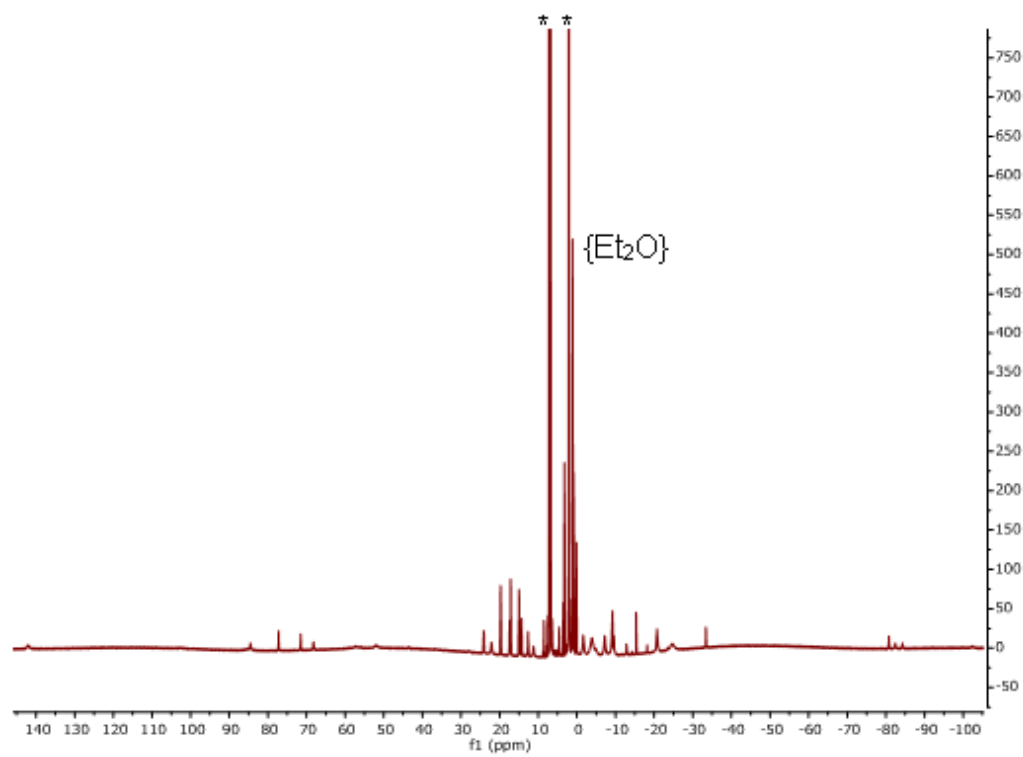


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum of **1d** in d_8 -toluene (mixture of isomers). * d_8 -toluene.

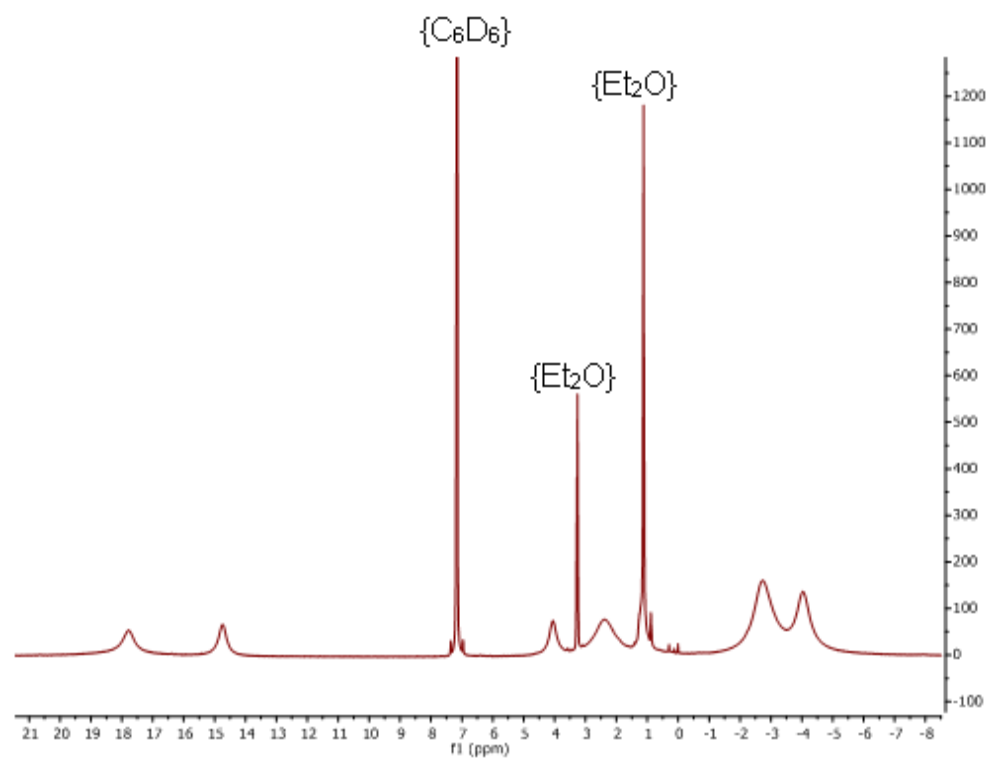


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** in C_6D_6 .

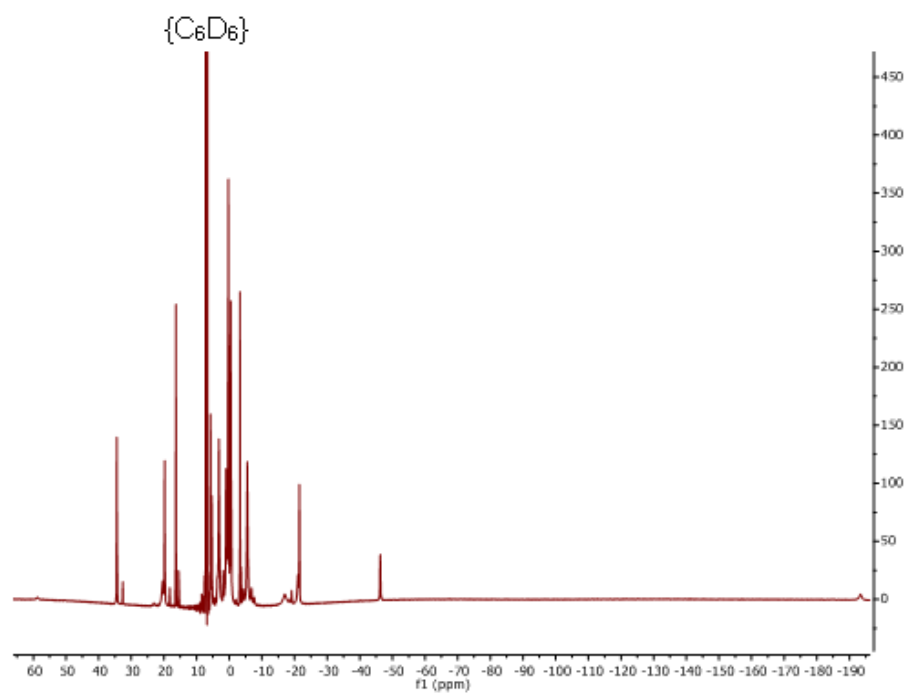


Figure S10. ^1H NMR spectrum of **2a** in C_6D_6 .

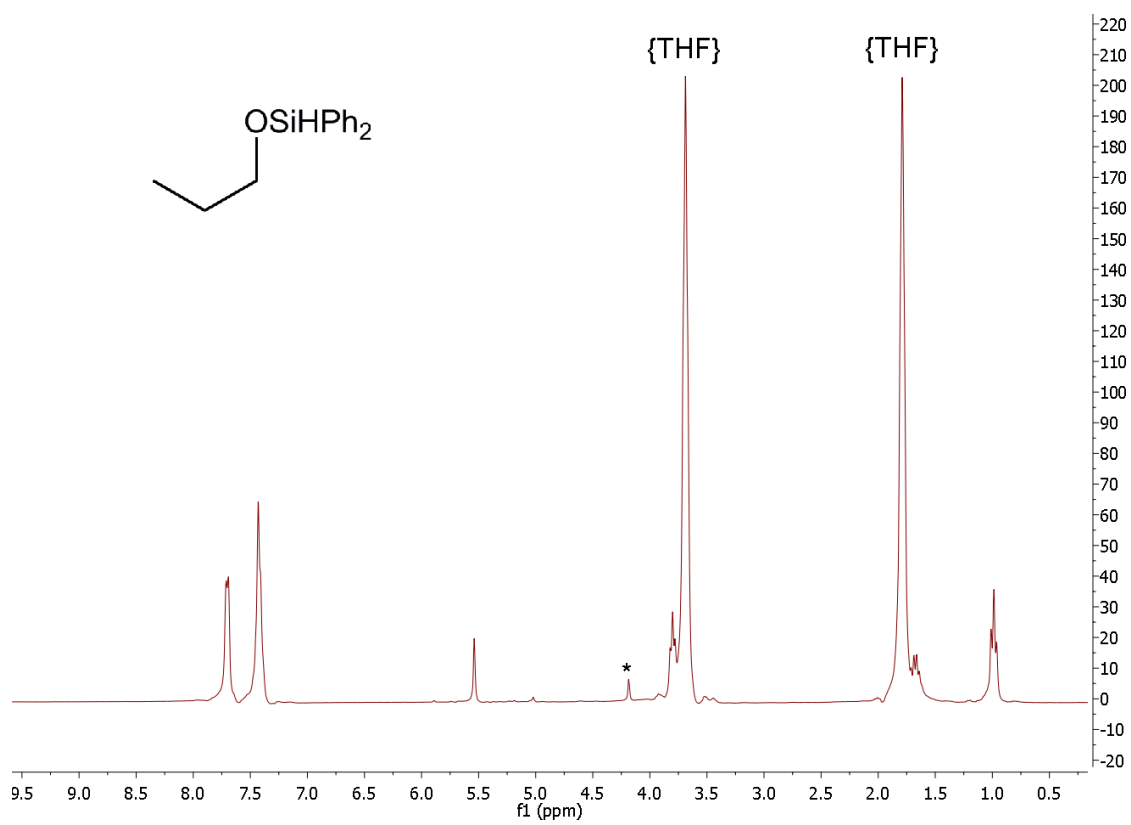


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of Ph_2SiH_2 with propanal in 5:1 $\text{THF:d}_8\text{-THF}$ catalyzed by **2**.
*Ferrocene internal standard.

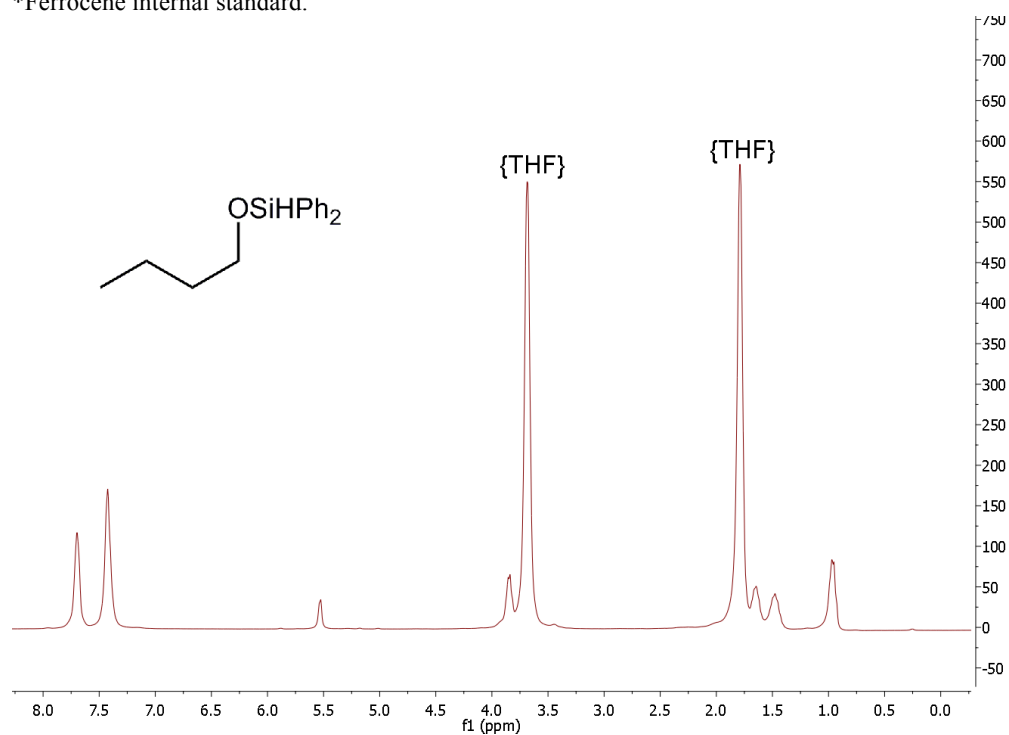


Figure S12. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of Ph_2SiH_2 with butanal in 4:1 $\text{THF:d}_8\text{-THF}$ catalyzed by **2**.

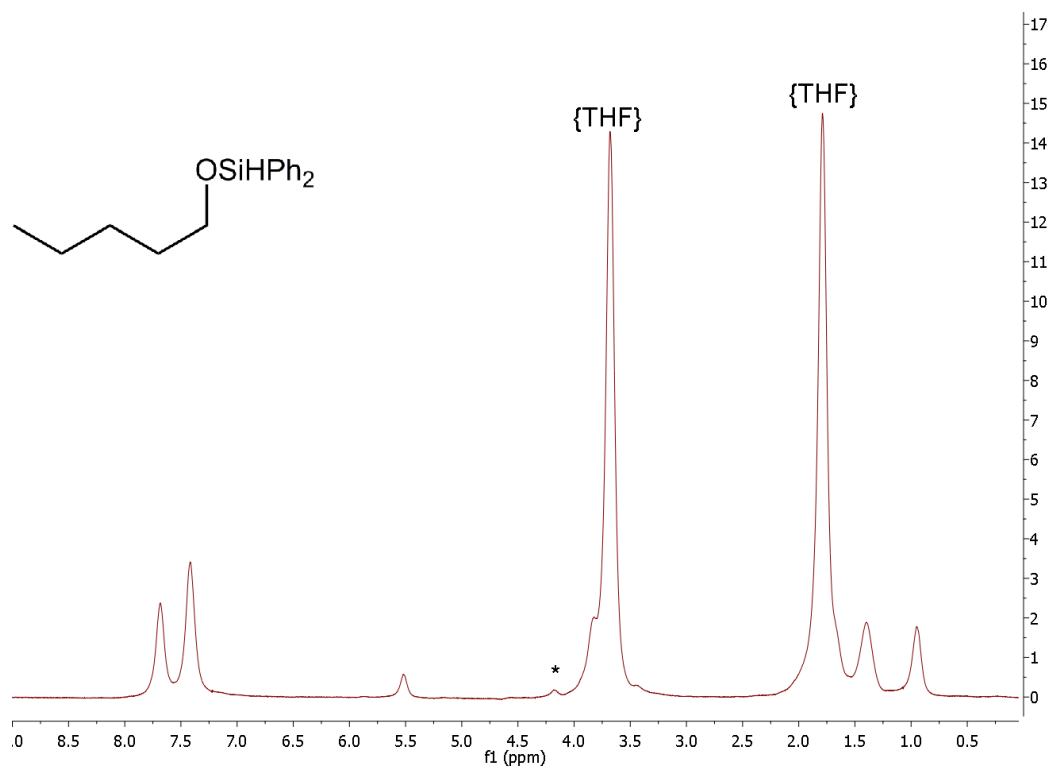


Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of Ph_2SiH_2 with pentanal in 4:1 $\text{THF:d}_8\text{-THF}$ catalyzed by **2**.
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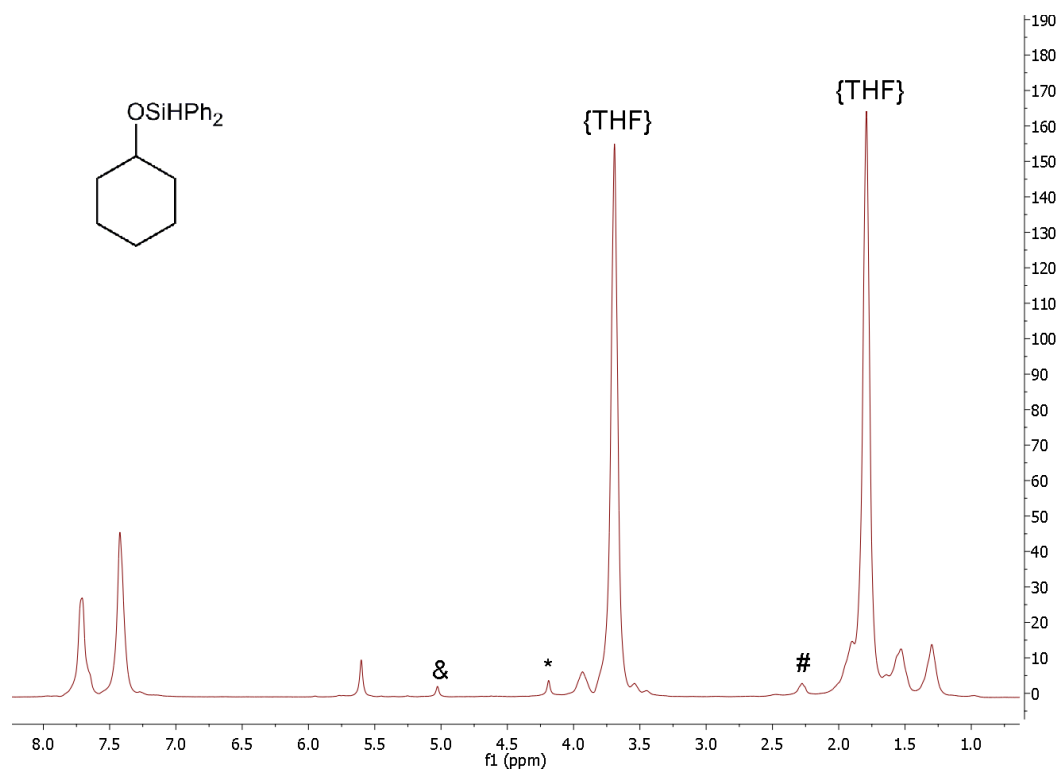


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of Ph_2SiH_2 with cyclohexanone in 5:1 THF: d_8 -THF catalyzed by **2**. *Ferrocene internal standard. & Ph_2SiH_2 . #cyclohexanone.

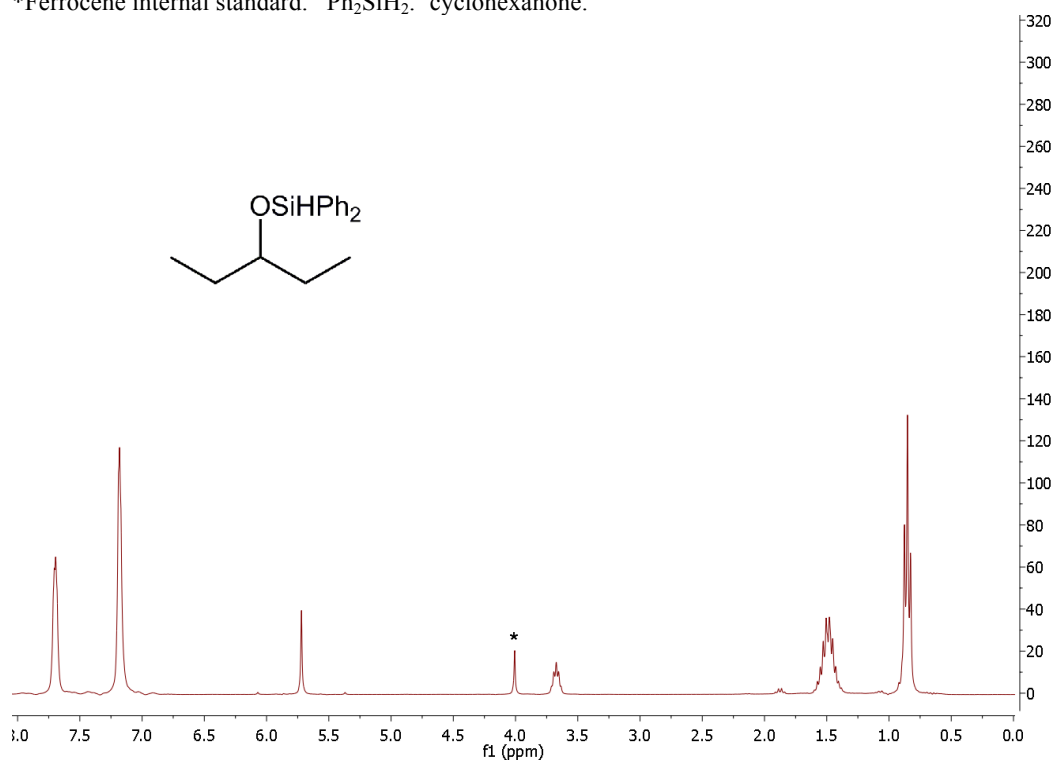


Figure S15. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of 2-pentanone with Ph_2SiH_2 in C_6D_6 catalyzed by **2**. *Ferrocene internal standard.

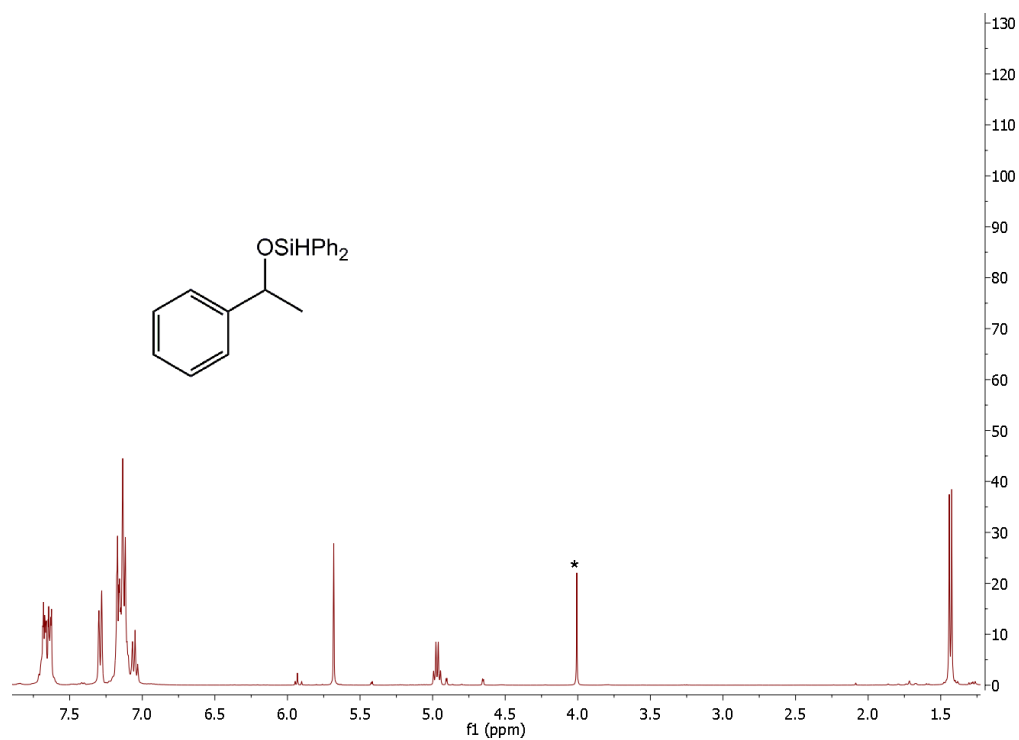


Figure S16. ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of acetophenone with Ph₂SiH₂ in C₆D₆ catalyzed by **2**. *Ferrocene internal standard.

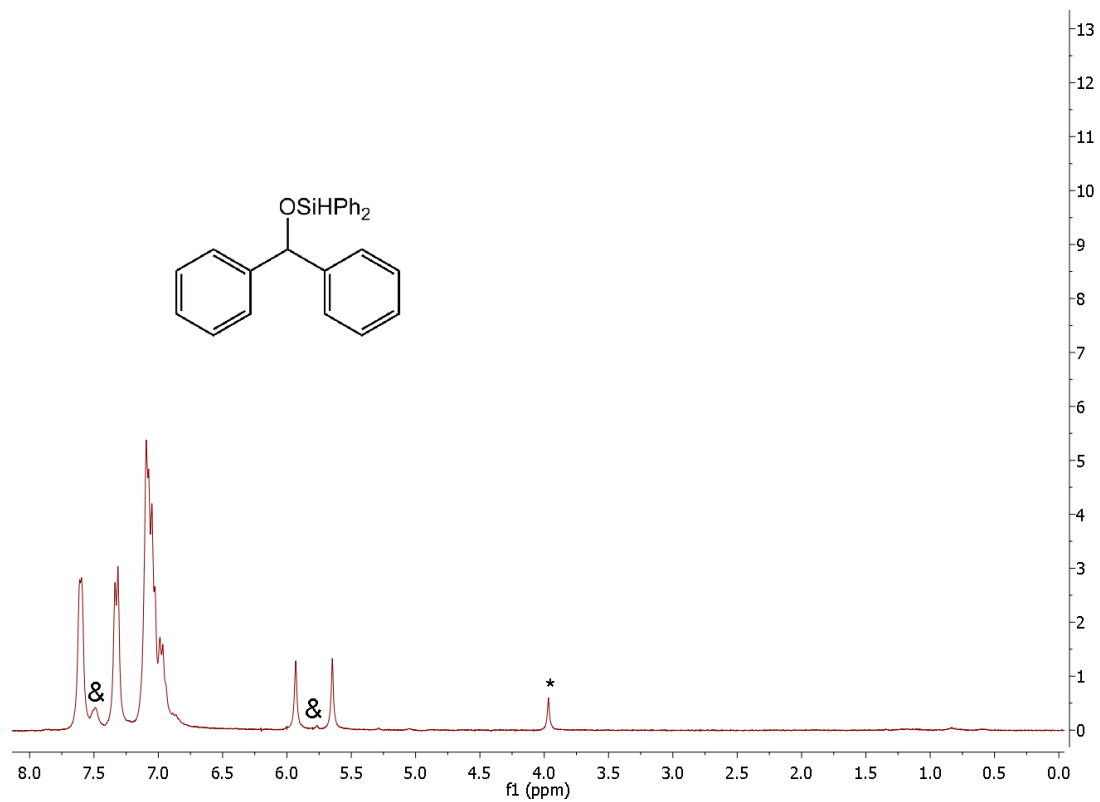


Figure S17. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of benzophenone and Ph_2SiH_2 in C_6D_6 catalyzed by **2**. *Ferrocene internal standard. & Ph_2SiH_2 .

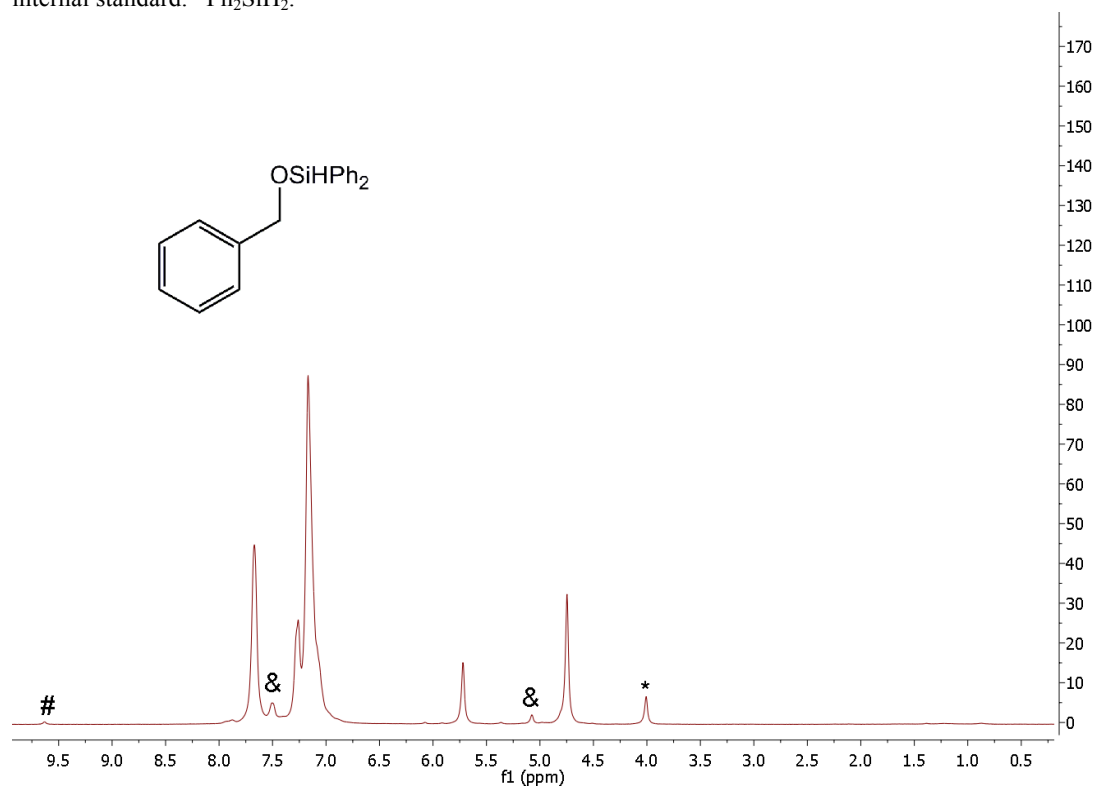


Figure S18. ^1H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of benzaldehyde and Ph_2SiH_2 in C_6D_6 catalyzed by **2**. * Ferrocene internal standard. & Ph_2SiH_2 . #benzaldehyde.